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2. Continuing demonstrations in the streets of major Philippine cities have a destabilizing effect on the Marcos government. These demonstrations are likely to continue at least through the 21 September anniversary of the imposition of martial law. Their cumulative effect weakens Marcos and offers fresh opportunities to front organizations of the Communist party. Although Marcos has the tactical skill to manage such a crisis

has greatly

curtailed his work schedule.

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